

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/15/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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Reasons for Allowance

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 1 contains the limitation:

a scheduler having programmed instructions operable to instance an archiver and a software backup to execute alternately,

The teaching of a scheduler having instructions to execute an archiver and a software backup is not suggested by any reference of the prior art, nor is the combination of the limitations suggested by any reference of the prior art.

A scheduler which instances an archiver and backup agent alternately enables an administrator to harness the benefits of both methods of redundancy. Archivers or software backup systems, while individually known in the art, can cause significant time constraint problems when used improperly, as explained in applicant's disclosure (¶24: archives , ¶ 30: software backup). A scheduler would enable the administrator to not only schedule both systems to operate optimally, but it would also enable the administrator to schedule the tasks to occur at times when there is less user demand. Therefore, the administrator can use both a transaction log and a software backup routine without the disadvantages that they present.

Claims 2-4 are considered allowable as being dependant on claim 1.

Claim 8 contains the limitation:

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A third set of instructions operable to repeat the first set of instructions and the second set of instructions periodically.

A scheduler which instances an archiver (first set of instructions) and backup agent (second set of instructions) alternately enables an administrator to harness the benefits of both methods of redundancy. Archivers or software backup systems, while individually known in the art, can cause significant time constraint problems when used improperly, as explained in applicant's disclosure (§24: archives , § 30: software backup). A scheduler would enable the administrator to not only schedule both systems to operate optimally, but it would also enable the administrator to schedule the tasks to occur at times when there is less user demand. Therefore, the administrator can use both a transaction log and a software backup routine without the disadvantages that they present.

Claim 5 is considered allowable under the same grounds as claims 1 and 8.

Claims 6-7 are considered allowable as being dependant on claim 5.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matt Urick whose telephone number is (571) 272-0805. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571) 272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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